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1. In a recent interview, Rodolfo Jimenez Barrios stated that he felt that there were three advantageous political lines possible for the Partido de Orientacion Democratica (POD) to endorse, any one of which might be preferable to abstention from voting, as has been proposed. The three possibilities were support of General Espinola, the government candidate, Colonel Menendez the popular candidate, or prolongation of the term of President Castaneda. Jimenez Barrios stated, however, that he believed the POD should continue its present policy of abstention until it becomes clear which, if any, of the three candidates it is preferable to support.
2. Jimenez Barrios added that a Unionist Association of Central America, built on the thesis of Julio Fausto Fernandez regarding proletarian rule, was the most important goal to be worked for. He said he believed, however, that the initial impetus would come from President Castaneda, and therefore the POD should support Castaneda, who is working towards its desired objectives.

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